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BOOK REVIEWS

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APPLIED BACTERIOLOGY FOR NURSES. By Charles F. Bolduan and Maria Grund. Third Edition. Thoroughly revised. W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia and London. Price, \$1.75.

This very popular and largely used text-book appears now in its third revision. It is written especially for nurses and only enough general bacteriology is introduced to give the correct understanding of the underlying principles. As the World War developed entirely new ideas of the transmission and treatment of many diseases and conditions, so the text-books must be changed to teach the application of this newer knowledge. Thus, much new matter has been added to the present volume, bringing it up to date in every way. The large and active experience of the authors in the bacteriologic work of the New York Health Department makes this an authoritative text-book. It is particularly well written—clear, concise, and definite. There are suggestions for practical demonstrations at the end of each chapter planned for the teacher's use where individual laboratory instruction is not available. The text is well and fully illustrated.

SANITATION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES (The Fundamentals of Public Health). By Hibbert Winslow Hill. The Macmillan Company, New York. Price, \$1.35.

The present volume is the fifth text book in the Public Health Nursing series. As has been elsewhere stated, the authors selected for the writing of these different books are recognized authorities in the special work to be studied. Each volume is complete in itself, and yet is dependent upon the others of the series for a comprehensive understanding of the fundamentals of public health nursing. The first chapter of this book deals with the relation of hygiene, sanitation and public health. In an interesting way the author leads from the broad field of public health to the more circumscribed area of hygiene and sanitation. The fact that all of them are studies in varying degrees in *prevention* of disease and *promotion* of health leads to the final conclusion that "sanitation is the most immediately important subdivision of public health." With this beginning, the chapters follow in logical sequence—Course of an infectious disease; The common infectious diseases; immunity; epidemiology; and then the sources of infection; with a final chapter on vital statistics. The book is written in a most interesting style and with pleasing illustration of the point under discussion.